

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8647–8688.

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2401–2405, and S. Res. 335–336. **Page S8684**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 998, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–180)

S. 1169, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–181)

S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8684**

Measures Passed:

Pilot's Bill of Rights 2: Senate passed S. 571, to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8674–82**

Inhofe (for Feinstein/Reed) Amendment No. 2928, to clarify the administrative authorities and to improve the physician certification. **Page S8678**

Honoring the Portland Timbers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 336, honoring the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015. **Page S8686**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate consider individually the following nominations, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader: Wilhelmina Marie Wright, of Minnesota, to be United

States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa; that there be 30 minutes for debate for each nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time on the respective nomination, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations. **Page S8687**

Nominations Status Quo—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all judicial nominations received by the Senate during the 114th Congress, first session, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate. **Page S8687**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Dana J. Boente, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Robert Lloyd Capers, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

John P. Fishwick, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Emily Gray Rice, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years. **Pages S8687, S8688**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8688.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick Joseph Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Janine Anne Davidson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and Vice Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, and Commander, United States Southern Command, all of the Department of Defense, and John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an assessment of Afghanistan intelligence from national security briefers.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transition assistance, after receiving testimony from Susan Kelly, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration; Teresa W. Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Elizabeth Voticky, The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia; Matthew Kress, Starbucks Coffee Company, Seattle, Washington; Eric Eversole, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and Daniel Smith, The American Legion, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant Colonel Michael Zacchea, USMC (Ret.), University of Connecticut Entrepreneur Bootcamp for Veterans, Hartford.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4246–4260; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76–77; H. Con. Res. 102; and H.Res. 565, were introduced. Pages H9327–28

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9329–30

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3878, to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–379, Part 1); H.R. 2285, to improve

enforcement against trafficking in cultural property and prevent stolen or illicit cultural property from financing terrorist and criminal networks, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–380, Part 1); and Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Jared Polis (H. Rept. 114–381). Page H9327

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kelly (MS) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9309

Recess: The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H9313